

Fish Facts



Status of Fish Stocks

- 894 species of fish are included under 45 Federal fishery management plans (FMPs).
- 259 species are major fish stocks accounting for 99% of the total commercial and recreational landings of fish.
- In 2003, four stocks were rebuilt to sustainable levels and 10 species were taken off the list of overfished stocks. Overfishing practices were stopped for five species.
- Number of fish stocks that are overfished: 76.
- Number of fish stocks that are experiencing overfishing: 60.
- Almost all the overfished stocks are rebuilding under FMPs and plans are under development for the few that are not.

Commercial Fishing Industry

Source: *Fisheries of the U.S. (2003)* and *The Economic Contributions of the Commercial Fisheries of the U.S.: A User's Guide to the National Input/Output Model*

- Contributions to GDP – \$31.5B (including retail)
- Total sales – \$15.8B (excluding retail)
- Employment – 135,000 jobs (excluding retail)
- Seafood exports totaled \$12.0B; total seafood imports totaled \$21.3B

Top U.S. Ports (ex-vessel value)

New Bedford, MA	\$ 176M
Dutch Harbor–Unalaska, AK	\$ 157M
Kodiak, AK	\$ 82M
Hampton Roads, VA	\$ 80M
Empire–Venice, LA	\$ 51M

Top U.S. Ports (pounds)

Dutch Harbor–Unalaska, AK	909M
Empire–Venice, LA	400M
Reedville, VA	375M
Intracoastal City, LA	325M
Kodiak, AK	263M



Marine Recreational Fishing Industry

Source: *The Economic Importance of Marine Angler Expenditures in the U.S. (2004)*

Note: All figures include retail sector.

- Contributions to GDP – \$12B
- Total sales – \$30.5B
- Employment – 349,000 jobs

Top Ten States (expenditures)

Florida	\$ 8,354M
California	\$ 2,479M
North Carolina	\$ 1,564M
Washington	\$ 1,418M
Louisiana	\$ 1,176M
Massachusetts	\$ 846M
Maryland	\$ 696M
Oregon	\$ 574M
New York	\$ 566M
New Jersey	\$ 557M



Seafood Consumption in the United States

- Shrimp was the top consumed seafood in the United States in 2003, followed by canned tuna.
- Commercial fishermen landed 9.5 billion pounds of seafood in 2003.
- 16.3 pounds of seafood per capita were consumed in the United States in 2003, an increase of 0.7 pounds from 2002.